

## NEWTOWN LIMAVADY.

### REPORT upon the PROPOSED MUNICIPAL BOUNDARY of the BOROUGH of NEWTOWN LIMAVADY.

THE Limits of the Borough, as described by Charter, are "the Town and Precincts of Limavady;" nor could I learn of any document which described them more particularly; neither did any of the Inhabitants whom I met pretend to know of any ancient Limits. If therefore any such ever did exist of a detailed description, they have long since been lost sight of. ANCIENT LIMITS.

The Borough of Newtown Limavady, in the County of Londonderry, is agreeably situated on the East Bank of the River Roe, in a fertile and well-cultivated district, one mile and a half from Loch Foyle, into which the Roe discharges itself. The Town is rapidly increasing and improving, arising from the impulse which of late years has been given to Husbandry in its vicinity. Wheat is now raised in considerable quantities, though not many years ago it was imported for home consumption. But the great increase in the culture of Flax is the principal cause of its prosperity; and such has been the extent of this produce, that it was found expedient to open a Market in the Town for its disposal within the last twelve months, where the average weekly sales now amount to from 15 to 17 tons, and to the value of 1,000*l.* sterling; and it is considered that this amount will rather increase than diminish. Since the Municipal Commissioners visited the Town, two Banks, or Branches of Banks, have been established, with a fair proportion of business. SITUATION AND  
DESCRIPTION OF  
THE TOWN.

The Population according to the Census of 1831 amounted to 2,428 persons, showing an increase of 211 souls above the Census of 1821, being an augmentation of nearly one-eleventh. About one-half of the inhabitants are Presbyterians, two-sixths Roman Catholics, and one-sixth of the Church of England. Population.

- 79 Families are chiefly employed in Agriculture;
- 297 Families are chiefly employed in Trade, Manufacture, and Handicraft; and
- 141 Families not comprised in the preceding classes.

The total number of Houses contained in the Borough, agreeably to the Statements of 1831, was 509; of these, 216 were of the valued yearly rental of 5*l.* and upwards. Houses.

At this time no Local Rate is levied in the Town. Though shortly after the Enactment of 9 Geo. IV. c. 82 (which empowers the Inhabitants of Market Towns to impose a Tax upon themselves for the purposes of lighting, paving, cleansing, &c.) the provisions respecting cleansing and supplying with Water only were adopted in the Borough, and one Assessment of 108*l.* was levied in the first year, but has not been continued. Local Rates.

The County Rate, as applied to the Houses in the Town, is stated to have amounted to 10½*d.* in the pound in the year 1835. County Rate.

I recommend that the following Municipal Boundary be adopted for the Borough, as embracing the whole Town, with a space sufficient to meet its probable expansion:— PROPOSED  
BOUNDARY.

From the Point (1) on the Broad Lane Road, where it forms an Elbow to the South, and where the Boundaries of three Townlands meet (viz. those of Rathbradymore, Bovally and Evagh), in a straight Line, Westerly, to a Point (2)



on the Dungiven Road, One hundred Yards South-easterly from the Broad Lane Road ; thence along the Dungiven Road, North-westerly, for the distance of about Two hundred Feet, to a Point (3) where a straight and substantial Bank and Fence departs Westerly to the Roe Mill Road ; thence, Westward, along said Fence to a Point (4) where it terminates at a Cottage on the Roe Mill Road ; thence in the Line and prolongation of the last-mentioned Bank and Fence across the Roe Mill Road, Westerly, until said Line and prolongation meets the Middle Channel of the River Roe (5) ; thence down the River Roe to a Point (6) where it receives from the South the small Stream called Ballyclose Burn ; thence in a straight Line, Eastward, to a Point (7) in the Lane leading to Killane, at Two hundred Yards North from the Point of Junction of the said Lane with the old Road to Coleraine ; thence, South, down the said Lane to the said Point of Junction (8) ; thence, Southward, along the Western Fence of a triangular Field called the Stone Park, to the termination of said Fence at a Garden or Orchard (9) ; thence Southward, in a straight Line to a Point (10) on the New Road to Coleraine, being Fifty Yards Eastward of the Point of Junction of this last-mentioned Road with a Lane going South, called Scroggy Lane ; thence in a straight Line Southward to the Point first described.

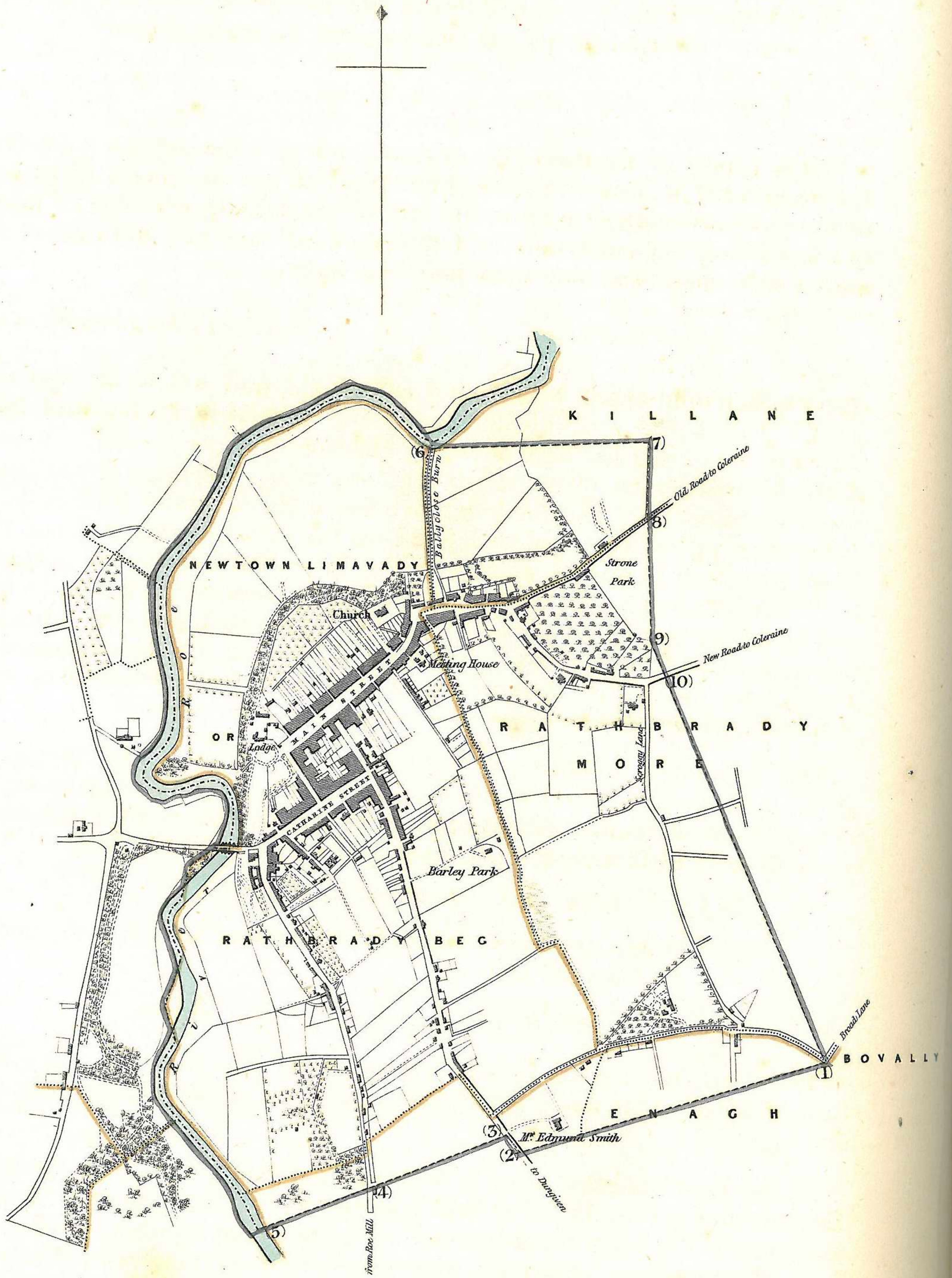
The Population of the Borough at this date, within the proposed Boundary, will amount to about 2,600 souls.

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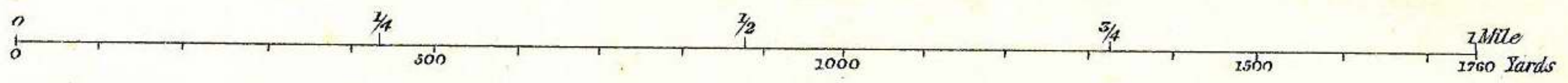
From the Ordnance Survey.



## REFERENCES

Proposed Boundary ..... Purple  
 Boundaries of Parishes & Townlands ..... Brown  
 Rivers ..... Blue

Scale Four Inches to One Statute Mile



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